



James Robert Stephen

February 10, 1939 - February 24, 2020

James Robert Stephen, 81, of Houston passed away Monday, February 24, 2020. Jim was born on February 10, 1939 in Goldthwaite, TX to James John Stephen and Roberta Mayo Stephen. He is preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife of 53 years, Gloria Stephen and his son, James Todd Stephen. He is also survived by his sister, Joan Little; brother-in-law, Bart Little; and their family.

At the age of 5 he moved with his family to Robstown in south Texas, where his father served as the town doctor. Jim attended the University of Texas for his undergraduate work as a zoology major and the University of Houston, where he completed his graduate studies and earned his license to practice pharmacy. He spent his 50-plus year career working as a pharmacist in the Houston area.

Mr. Stephen was an avid reader with a particular interest in World War II history. He was a charter member of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA and the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX, the boyhood home of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. He enjoyed outdoor activities, spending time in nature as well as practicing amateur photography. He attended photographic seminars in a variety of places from west Texas to Acadia National Park in Maine. One of his favorite nature adventures was an Earthwatch expedition to Australia, where he

helped a team “tag” kangaroos and band birds to track them.

The Stephen family will be present to receive visitors Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 3 PM until 5 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. Funeral Services will be held at Dettling Funeral Home Monday, March 2, 2020 at 2 PM. Mr. Stephen will be laid to rest in Memorial Oaks Cemetery following services.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
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Funeral Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Robert Stephen*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Robert Stephen*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Robert Stephen*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Robert Stephen*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *When we were children growing up as next-door neighbors, Jimmy served as the brother I never had. He introduced me to Mad Magazine and Spike Jones, and together we concocted stink bombs, caught ringworm from our cats, and suffered through Algebra I. With others in the neighborhood, we played marathon Monopoly games that lasted for days. So many of my cherished childhood memories include include Jimmy and the entire Stephen family and I am so blessed to have had them all in my life. I pray that his family feels comfort in knowing how many lives Jimmy touched in memorable ways.*

Lenita Holland Smith

LENITA H SMITH - March 02, 2020 at 10:39 AM

KM

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss,

The McGowan Family (neighbors)

Karen McGowan - February 29, 2020 at 01:04 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear about Jim. He was by far one of my favorites! He and Gloria were clients who quickly became friends. I will greatly miss Jim!

Brad Martin

Houston, Texas

Brad Martin - February 29, 2020 at 12:26 PM

ZL

“ Grew up in Robstown and knew Steven and his family well. Joan, please accept our prayers and thoughts during this time
Love, Zula and Dale Langley

Zula Langley - February 28, 2020 at 03:24 PM